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SUBJECT: EX-IM BANK OFFICIALS VISIT

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1. OPPORTUNITY JUST DEVELOPED FOR EX-IM BANK DIRECTOR (AFRICA) KOBELINSKI, LOAN OFFICER MALLOY AND CONSUL GABA VISIT LIBERIA 28-29 SEPTEMBER FOLLOWING DISCUSSIONS WITH GOSL DESCRIBED REFTEL. KOBELINSKI, WHO NEWLY ASSIGNED AFRICAN RESPONSIBILITIES AT BANK, WOULD BE HIGHEST EX-IM BANK OFFICIAL TO VISIT LIBERIA IN TEN YEARS. EMBASSY REQUESTED PROVIDE INFORMAL BRIEFING AND ATTEMPT ARRANGE CALL ON PRESIDENT TOLBERT, MINFINANCE STEVEN TOLBERT AND OTHER APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS. IF TIME PERMITS, KOBELINSKI WOULD LIKE VISIT LAMCO MINING SITE AS GUEST REPUBLIC STEEL. WOULD APPRECIATE THREE SINGLES HOTEL RESERVATIONS FOR BANK OFFICERS FOR 28 AND 29 SEPTEMBER.
2. BANK OFFICERS ARRIVING MONROVIA 28 SEPTEMBER EARLY AFTERNOON FROM FREETOWN ON CHARTER FLIGHT WITH BETHLEHEM STEEL OFFICIALS WHO SCHEDULED CALL ON TOLBERT LATER THAT AFTERNOON. BANK OFFICERS PLAN DEPART FOR NEW YORK ON UNCLASSIFIED

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